

Recently, I randomly stumbled across a [motherlode](#) collection of 78s. The upload was so huge that it overwhelmed the system's page rendering software, so the tracks in the embedded playlist became mismatched with the actual files being played in the media player. People complained about it. The tags and some of the files are also a bit of a mess, but when someone dumps over 8,400 free recordings onto your lap, I don't think anyone should complain too much.

I downloaded all the files, then I deleted the .ogg and .mp3 system derivatives. I'm assuming all of the source files were .m4a, but if someone wants to download all the files, cross-check everything and identify any .ogg or .mp3 files that are unique and not derivatives, then go right ahead and let me know if I need to add anything back in. That's entirely possible because there were some odds and ends in terms of some .aif and .flac files which were included in the collection. I've made them [available for download](#) if someone wants to sort out what they are, tag them accurately, convert them to .m4a (for the sake of consistency with the rest of the collection) and make them available for download, then I can add them into the collection. Alternatively, just listen to them privately for your own enjoyment.

There were some incomplete files (just a few seconds of audio; outtakes, etc.) which I've attempted to exclude. I want this collection to be official releases only; complete recordings, not fragments. I also deleted about a dozen or so files which were all under 1 MiB. I don't know who uploaded this huge collection of files or how they procured them but it just seems like a random data dump without much review or maintenance. That's fine with me, but keep that in mind if you encounter any issues when trying to enjoy this collection. I have about 8,400 files in total but eventually I will expand it to a full 10,000 files or 10 volumes of music.

As of the time of this writing, I have uploaded two volumes (2,000 files). When playing only the first 100 tracks of the first volume, I encountered two files which were somehow corrupt. The corrupt track just stops at some random point and won't play anymore. The playlist function ceases after that and you need to manually advance to the next track to get the player functional again. I had to replace or correct those files, then re-upload them to get everything functional again. If you run into any issues like this where a file just stops playing or the playlist stops working, or some other correctable issue, take note, leave a detailed message [here](#) and I'll look into it. Also, I am assigning a document for each track in the collection, so if you have any information about any track in the collection, let me know and I'll add the information to that track's document.

Thank you for your interest in this massive 78 rpm collection of music!